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Don't need settlement

68' vs 72'

Could have gotten first
unprovoked settlement
at any point since last
July -

Fall elections
May 8

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Bunker has kept gov fully informed.

We don't need or do we forsee settlement before elections

However danger comes following elections

Sandy

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Reasons for support

- McGovern -
- Isolation
- Military Successes.
- Brooke Vote — despite polls.

- Must make clear Negotiating record — Last Jaw brought us to here

MUST have popular Justification

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Hanoi has now come with new proposals fundamental changes which could be very troublesome —

Coalition Gov. w/ watered down provisions

No more than an Advisory Committee — recognizes Govt — Army + police

— Unanimity principle

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We'll be in high long term psn if they go public.

Therefore Pres feels we must respond - if rejected will go public.

if they accept (unlikely) we feel ym and vow Communist GVN assured.

~~Lets be~~ We move to broad possibilities

stick to modifying Sept 15 prop.

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with Pres Election
& NK Assy election.
+ expanded functions of CNR
or respond in direction of
their proposal of
Cont. Assy Elec
Together w/ expanded
functions for Committee of
National Reconciliation.
There are several OPTIONS w/in this.
Let's Look at Latter
& then discuss Pros &
Cons of both

Hand. US Proposal.